

Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.***

Going to love and serve

Since you are Lord of all
***reign in us,
reign through us,
reign over us,
to your glory, by your grace
and though your power,
majestic God.***

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Daily Office: Creating God

**Alternative Saturday Morning
& Christ the King**

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle and/or*

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

or

I saw one like the Son of Man
coming with the clouds of heaven....

***To him was given dominion,
and glory and kingship
and all peoples, nations
and languages
should serve him.*** (Dan. 7:13–14)

or

The days are surely coming,
says the Lord,
When I will raise up for David
a righteous Branch,
***and he shall reign as King
and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice
and righteousness
in the land.*** (Jer. 23:5))

Celebrating the presence of God

Gracious Father
by raising Jesus Christ
from death to life
and through his
glorious ascension into heaven
you have declared him King of all
***that at his name every knee should
bow.***

Glorious Lord,
you reign at the Father's right hand
and there, for evermore,
intercede for us —
sinners saved by your grace
and granted the life of the Age to
come
at your name, we bow our knee.

Life-giving Spirit
by whose power we are
drawn to the saviour
and through whose gentle
presence Christ is present to us
***you raise us to life
and set our feet upon the Rock.***

***Christ, through whom all things
were made;
in whom all things find their life;
and to whom all things bring praise
finding in You their new name;
you are the majestic King
Lord of all space and time
and God's new name of Love.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

Jesus Christ,
you are Lord of all:

Forgive us when we resist your rule

Jesus Christ,
you are saviour of all:

Forgive us when we seek to justify ourselves.

Jesus Christ, yours in the Kingdom,
the power and the glory:

Forgive us when we shrink our vision of you to our narrow confines and shadowed sight.

Our minds are small
our sight is dim
our ears blocked
and our hearts cold,

Come and meet us in our frailty
and strengthen us;
Come meet us in our blindness
and enlighten us;
Come meet us in our silence
and sing through us;
Come meet us in our indifference
**and set our hearts on fire with love
of you. Amen.**

Silence

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - Optional

God has Spoken by His Son

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways
by the prophets,
**but in these last days
he has spoken to us by a Son,**
whom he appointed heir
of all things,
**through whom he also
created the worlds.**

He is the reflection of God's glory
and the exact imprint
of God's very being
**and he sustains all things
by his powerful word.**

When he had made
purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand
of the Majesty on high,
**having become as much
superior to angels
as the name he inherited
is more excellent to theirs.**

**Of the Son, he says
'Your throne, O God,
is for ever and ever,
and the righteous sceptre
is the sceptre of your kingdom.'**

(from *Hebrews 1.1-6,8.* NRSV)

The Revelation of the Son's glory

In the midst of the lampstands
I saw one like the Son of Man
clothed with a long robe
and with a golden sash
across his chest.

**His head and his hair
were white as white wool,
white as snow;**
his eyes were like
a flame of fire,
**his feet were like
burnished bronze,
refined as in a furnace,**
and his voice was like the
sound of many waters.
**In his right hand
he held seven stars,**
and from his mouth
came a sharp,
two-edged sword,
**and his face was like
the sun shining with full force.**

He placed his hand on me, saying
**'Do not be afraid;
I am the first and the last,
and the living one.
I was dead, and see,
I am alive for ever and ever;
and I have the keys
of Death and of Hades.'**

(*Revelation 1:13-18.* NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

**Living God,
enable us this day by your Spirit
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

Bringing our concerns

Christ, whose rule extends from
shore to shore
**hear us
as we bring before you
the needs of the world:**

Where there is violence
bring peace.
silence.....

Where there is weeping
bring comfort.
silence.....

Where there is abuse of the weak
bring protection
silence.....

Where there is exploitation of
earth's riches
bring restraint
silence.....

Where there are lies
speak truth.
silence.....